



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.5
Soil moisture supplies: 15% very short, 33% short, 50% adequate and 2% surplus

Field Crops Report
Scattered showers were received across the state last week, bringing minor relief to some crops. Showers improved conditions for planting soybeans, but planting slowed down as fields dried out. Rice planting continued, but producers were troubled with windy conditions as they applied herbicides. Some rice producers had to flush fields due to dry conditions. Sorghum planting slowed because of a lack of moisture but was still ahead of last year and the five-year average. Cotton producers made good progress with planting last week. Corn planting was completed, and corn emerged reached 98%. Winter wheat was starting to turn color. Sugarcane producers were still fertilizing.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Strawberry harvest continued. Citrus producers sprayed trees for insect and scab control. Vegetable producers continued planting and working crops, but they were in desperate need of rain. Crawfish producers were still getting good yields and nice size crawfish.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Calving season continued. Fertilization of spring forages and hayfields was taking place. Rain and warmer conditions were needed to improve pasture growth.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	91	90	87	87
Corn	Planted	100	99	100	98
	Emerged	98	92	94	89
Cotton	Planted	28	6	20	11
Hay	First Cutting	11	2	5	7
Rice	Planted	81	67	72	69
	Emerged	57	38	41	45
Sorghum	Planted	90	82	58	46
	Emerged	76	48	19	17
Soybeans	Planted	30	9	26	15
Winter Wheat	Headed	98	89	55	85
	Turning Color	4	N/A	0	2

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	1	26	65	8
Sorghum	0	0	25	68	7
Rice	0	2	31	57	10
Sugarcane	1	13	35	37	14
Winter Wheat	0	2	27	65	6
Livestock	1	8	38	47	6
Vegetables	1	8	37	49	5
Pasture	2	19	42	32	5

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/11/11 TO 04/17/11

AIR					PRECIPITATION			
TEMPERATURE					WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	
MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	NORM	
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	(92)	47	70	64	0.63	1.63	8.67	16.25
Minden	91	44	66	63	1.15	2.41	10.44	17.82
Mooringsport	90	48	67	MM	0.58	1.92	10.88	14.92
Shreveport South	92	43	67	MM	0.45	1.45	9.43	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	92	43	67	64	0.73	1.93	9.94	16.57
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	90	40	65	64	1.53	1.96	9.56	19.02
Homer/Hill Farm	91	36	63	62	0.73	1.78	11.15	18.10
Extreme/Average	91	(36)	64	64	1.13	MM.MM	MM.MM	19.01
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	89	49	67	63	2.81	4.48	16.91	20.87
LSU-St Joseph	91	50	70	65	0.02	3.69	19.45	20.67
Tallulah	88	49	68	64	0.37	4.75	18.76	20.54
Extreme/Average	91	49	68	65	1.59	4.48	16.91	20.44
4. West-Central								
Leesville	89	39	67	65	0.97	1.80	11.26	18.09
Ashland	91	36	65	63	0.06	0.44	10.10	18.23
Hodges Gardens	90	51	69	MM	0.21	0.86	10.81	17.95
Extreme/Average	91	36	67	65	0.41	1.03	10.68	17.90
5. Central								
Alexandria	89	47	69	66	0.07	2.33	12.33	19.57
Bunkie	88	47	69	66	0.14	2.41	11.44	20.22
LSU-Alexandria	MM	MM	MM	65	0.07	2.56	12.03	18.66
Extreme/Average	89	47	69	66	0.11	2.41	11.44	19.51
6. East-Central								
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	65	0.00	1.56	15.05	21.12
Slidell	84	51	69	66	0.00	1.41	9.97	20.06
Extreme/Average	84	51	69	66	0.00	1.41	MM.MM	20.85
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	89	48	69	66	0.17	1.73	11.29	18.54
Jennings	87	50	70	66	0.00	1.08	11.45	16.61
LSU-Crowley	87	51	72	67	0.00	0.25	9.20	17.17
Oberlin Fire Tow	88	46	68	67	0.11	1.48	9.81	19.39
Extreme/Average	89	46	69	67	0.09	1.43	10.63	16.73
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	87	50	69	67	0.10	4.05	11.63	18.68
LSU-Jeanerette	84	54	71	67	0.03	0.60	7.59	16.54
Morgan City	83	54	69	67	0.00	1.00	7.19	17.25
Lafayette	85	50	69	68	0.15	1.09	10.85	18.00
Extreme/Average	87	50	69	68	0.08	2.05	9.89	17.43
9. Southeast								
Galliano	83	52	71	67	0.00	3.40	14.57	18.46
NO Audubon Park	85	57	72	69	0.01	0.36	7.62	18.35
Extreme/Average	85	52	72	68	0.01	3.40	MM.MM	18.96
State Averages	92	36	68	66	0.42	2.27	11.56	18.15

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 17, 2011

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